



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
**Department of Health Services**



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To all Stakeholders:

As many of you are aware, the federal Deficit Reduction Act requires the State of California to implement verification of documentation of citizenship and identity for all applicants for and people on the Medi-Cal program who declare that they are citizens of the United States. The only exceptions allowed by federal regulation are people who receive SSI or who are on Medicare. Federal regulations were issued on July 6, 2006 and provide the basis for the implementation of this federal requirement. AB 1807, which in part implements this federal requirement, requires that the California Department of Health Services seek comments on this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) before the Department issues it.

The **draft** ACWDL provides instructions to counties on the implementation of the new federal rules and state law regarding documentation of citizenship and identity for all applicants and beneficiaries on Medi-Cal. We are sending this **draft** letter to approximately 1100 stakeholders which are comprised of individuals from the following: advocate organizations, counties, health providers, health plans, state associations, state boards, other state departmental staff, some private citizens (those who have requested to be on lists maintained by the state for such efforts), and legislative staff.

Given the tight timeframes provided in federal law, we are asking for an expedited review. Please respond with any comments no later than July 28, 2006. We ask that you clearly delineate any changes or comments you have on this document. If you desire to provide an edited version of this document in your response, you must use the track changes feature to clearly show your comments.

Please direct all responses on this letter to the special email inbox that we have established for this purpose:

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